

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A patch-like infusion device, comprising:

 a fluid reservoir having at least one flexible wall;

 at least one patient needle in fluid communication with said reservoir;

 a Belleville spring having a central aperture for applying pressure to
 said flexible wall to cause fluid to flow from said reservoir
 to said patient needle; and

 a pin engageable with said central aperture and disengageable
 therefrom for causing said Belleville spring to begin
 applying said pressure when said infusion device is
 placed into operation.

2. (Original) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

 disengagement of said pin from said aperture provides at least one of
 an audible indication and a tactile indication to a user of said infusion
 device.

3. (Original) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

 disengagement of said pin from said aperture occurs automatically
 when the user performs another operation on said infusion device.

4. (Original) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said

 operation comprises operating a pushbutton.

5. (Original) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said operation comprises removing a pushbutton guard or interlock.

6. (Original) A patch-like infusion device, comprising:

a fluid reservoir having at least one flexible wall;

at least one patient needle in fluid communication with said reservoir;

a Belleville spring for applying pressure to said flexible wall to cause fluid to flow from said reservoir to said patient needle;
and

means engageable with said Belleville spring and disengageable therefrom for causing said Belleville spring to begin applying said pressure when said infusion device is placed into operation.

7. (Original) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 6, wherein said Belleville spring has a central aperture, and wherein said engageable means comprises a pin for engaging with and disengaging from said central aperture.

8. (Original) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 6, wherein disengagement of said engageable means from said Belleville spring provides at least one of an audible indication and a tactile indication to a user of said infusion device.

9. (Original) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 6, wherein disengagement of said engageable means from said Belleville spring occurs automatically when the user performs another operation on said infusion device.

10. (Original) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said operation comprises operating a pushbutton.

11. (Original) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said operation comprises removing a pushbutton guard or interlock.

12. (New) A patch-like infusion device, comprising:

a fluid reservoir having at least one flexible wall;

at least one patient needle in selective fluid communication with said reservoir;

a Belleville spring having a central aperture for applying pressure to said flexible wall to cause fluid to flow from said reservoir to said patient needle; and

a pin engageable with said central aperture and disengageable therefrom for causing said Belleville spring to begin applying said pressure when said infusion device is placed into operation.

13. (New) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 12, wherein
disengagement of said pin from said aperture provides at least one of
an audible indication and a tactile indication to a user of said infusion
device.

14. (New) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 12, wherein
disengagement of said pin from said aperture occurs automatically
when the user performs another operation on said infusion device.

15. (New) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 14, wherein said
operation comprises operating a pushbutton operatively coupled to
said pin.

16. (New) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 15, wherein said
operation comprises removing a pushbutton guard or interlock.

17. (New) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 14, wherein said
operation comprises operating a pull handle operatively coupled to
said pin.

18. (New) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 14, wherein said
operation comprises removing a pull handle operatively coupled to
said pin.

19. (New) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 15, wherein said operation of said pushbutton begins selective fluid communication of said at least one patient needle with said reservoir.

20. (New) A patch-like infusion device as claimed in claim 19, wherein said selective fluid communication of said at least one patient needle with said reservoir is by piercing a septum engaged to said reservoir which selectively seals said reservoir.